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June 18, 1968

With respect to St. Patrick farthings it seems to me that Walter Breen's comment (CN April, 1968, TM-7) should be clarified. He stated that St. Patrick farthings have been found "by the hundreds in non-collector accumulations consisting principally of worn out halfpence, Ross Americans and Wood's Coinages". This was mentioned to prove American circulation of St. Patrick farthings. I had pointed out in an article in the May 1963 Numismatist that only St. Patrick halfpence and not farthings were included in the New Jersey authorization to Mark Newley in 1688.

I think readers would be interested in documentation of any such accumulation being found in America. I know of no newspaper or other written mention of circulation of St. Patrick farthings in America. Accumulations found in England or Ireland would not be probative as all the coins were of English or Irish origin. Likewise the presence of worn eighteenth century copper coinage in accumulations would certainly indicate no seventeenth century circulation. While Breen is not asserting that St. Patrick farthings circulated in seventeenth century America, it would be helpful if anyone knows of any evidence of their eighteenth century circulation in America.

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Thank you for your financial contribution to The Colonial Newsletter.

We also need your active participation in the form of questions for the Research Forum, your letters, observations and comments that will be useful as Technical Notes, and your papers or articles for publication. We will especially appreciate your suggestions of articles suitable for reprints. There are many worthwhile papers on Colonial Numismatics buried in obscure journals that can be brought out from their hiding places.

So -- please write! Let us know about your interests. Your suggestions -- all kinds -- are sincerely appreciated.

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THE COLONIAL NEWSLETTER

June 2, 1980

To our Patrons and friends:

The Colonial Newsletter (CNL) will achieve its 20th Anniversary in October of this year. During these twenty years it has stumbled and fallen on several occasions but somehow managed to recover and continue publication through the efforts of its Patrons and ye Editor.

As most of our Patrons are aware -- if only through the signals generated by our erratic publication schedule -- CNL has existed throughout this time span as a spare time endeavor of ye Editor. This must be some sort of endurance record! It continues today on the very same basis.

Two very important factors have kept CNL going. First, and most important, has been the encouragement received from our Patrons -- your letters, comments and encouraging words have been helpful beyond belief. Second, when we requested financial assistance it was provided by our Patrons and has generally averaged several times the amount of our basic "subscription", plus additional donations of research specimens, photographic equipment, books and reference materials.

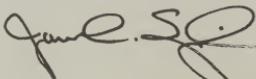
These funds have paid for the costs of printing and mailing CNL, for the purchase of several items of photographic equipment, a typewriter, several file cabinets & supplies, but little else. No salary is paid. The one critical item that has not been provided is time. Time is our most important problem!

There are today a number of ways to make more effective use of limited time. One outstanding method is the use of modern technology - specifically, a "word processing" computer, which - in addition to its capability of composing and formatting material for publication, will maintain our library files, membership & mailing lists, store photographic information as digital video, and perform numerous other tasks with a depth and speed far beyond human capability. Eventually CNL technical data files can be made accessible to other intelligent terminals anywhere in the world for the rapid search, analysis and rapid transfer of numismatic information.

Accordingly - to continue CNL, and to function in a more effective manner - we need additional funds to initiate acquisition of the computer and word processing equipment. Therefore - to our Patrons who can afford to do so, we ask that you give serious consideration to a substantial additional voluntary contribution to CNL for 1980. Your help is needed!

Please fill out the attached form with your 1980 contribution so that we will have a current address and you will have a formal receipt. Those of our Patrons who would like to make a donation of numismatic specimens for use in our research programs -- please write for details.

Thank you.



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your 1980 contribution -
Thanks!
And please disregard
this request. JCS

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● "Subscription" to The Colonial Newsletter for 1980	\$ 7.00
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Excerpt from the Articles of Incorporation

Article III - PURPOSES

The non-profit corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, research and scientific purposes, including the following:

- (1) To publish The Colonial Newsletter as an educational medium for communications between individuals interested in early American numismatics;
- (2) To publish original numismatic manuscripts and to reprint classical numismatic works, such as books, articles, essays and reviews;
- (3) To render educational services through the operation of research, library and museum facilities for the study and exhibition of coins, currency, and numismatic documents and objects;
- (4) To develop and employ photographic and scientific research services in the technical disciplines necessary for the analysis of coins, currency and related numismatic and historic objects;
- (5) To make contributions to any organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended;
- (6) To engage in any and all lawful activities incidental to the foregoing purposes except as restricted herein.

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At the present time the only activity carried on by this organization is the compilation of material for and the publication of THE COLONIAL NEWSLETTER in the interest of the increase and diffusion of knowledge of Early American Numismatics. This includes research into specialized photographic techniques necessary for the study and analysis of numismatic artifacts. It is planned that this will continue to be the major activity during the next two to three years.

In the future, Library Services, a Museum and Scientific Laboratories will be established and placed into operation as funding becomes available. A long term project will be the restoration of a complete early American minting facility.

The planned library services will include a Technical Repository collection of articles, illustrations and manuscripts detailing 18th century technology associated with the arts and sciences of the trades and crafts related to "Colonial" America. These will be gleaned from the contemporary literature of America and of foreign countries so as to be readily available for study by researchers and students of this subject. These will also include biographical material relating to the individuals and their associates connected with such activities. In addition, a photographic library function will be established to make available photographic prints and negatives of all varieties of coins, paper monies and related artifacts.

The museum will include specimens of coins and paper monies on public display as well as artifacts and restorations or replicas of tools, dies, engravings, machines, presses and other devices used in the production of early American numismatic items.

The scientific laboratories will include technical personnel and analytical instruments necessary for the determination of the physical properties of materials used in the manufacture of such coins, tools and related artifacts. These will include all necessary chemical, metallurgical, electrical & electronic, and photographic disciplines. The detection of spurious issues will be a major capability.

A major restoration project is planned for completion during the year 1987, the bicentennial of the peak production period of Coppers in America. This will be a complete "Colonial" American mint and will include facilities for smelting, refining, rolling, casting and cutting copper and silver, and the tooling and machines for diesinking and striking of coins of the sort produced in America during the late 18th century. Selection of a site for this restoration will not be made until about 1980.

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Mr. James Spillman

February 16, 1994

Dear Jim:

In making out the tax return for my foundation for Fiscal '93, I do not find any donation to you and wonder whether I sent in any payment at all. Will you be nice enough to tell me.

I found what I consider a very unusual table relating to copper half pence. I have never seen anything like this before and Mossman agrees. I am enclosing a memo. If you want to publish this I will write a little blurb to go along with it. It is particularly unusual because no farthings are included in the table, only in the exchange value wording.

My kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

Eric: According to our records we did Not receive a donation from you for 1993.

I would sincerely appreciate receiving your "blurb" regarding the copper half-pence table.

Xerox of Vermont Note
of 1781 arrived ok!

Thanks,

Sorry for the delay!

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March 9, 1994

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Delval Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Hi Eric,

There are two items that you may possibly be able to help me with for CNL, which are - -

(1) I am attempting to finalize Sandy Partridge's paper on the Vermont Notes of 1781 and need to locate a good photograph of the Three Pound Green Dollar note. A nice clean Xerox copy would be satisfactory. The illustration that I have is a composite that Sandy supplied (see attached Xerox sheet) which approximates the appearance of that note but has incorrect right and left borders as they were clipped from something else and pasted on. I will use this if I must, but only as a last resort. Sandy's paper comprises a comparison of each of the eight notes and discusses the interesting alternations of seals, side cuts, top cuts, and etc. as one moves from denomination to denomination.

(2) Remember the Connecticut 1785 specimens that Barnsley brought to our attention some years ago? These were 2.3-T, 2.4-U, 2.5-V, 2.6-BRI-GEO (or Vlack CT-86A-16) and 2.7-W (""). You have as I recall one of these specimens -- I believe that it is the one we have been calling 2.7-W -- that is different in some details from the others but I do not believe that this has ever been confirmed. I am also attempting to complete Jeff Rock's paper on the Connecticut Updates and to illustrate all of the "not in Miller" specimens and need a photograph of your specimen to compare with the others and to use as an illustration if it is, in fact, a different variety. You offered to loan this to me for photography several years ago but I am just now at the point that I need to do so. I will appreciate your sending the specimen, or a photograph, so that I can finally sort these things out and publish them in CNL. Please mail it so that it will arrive the first week in May as I will be in Australia all of April and cannot work on it until I return. Anything else, or ideas, that you believe would be of interest that should be included in the Connecticut Update will be appreciated.

Many thanks --

Best regards,
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James C. Spilman

SP's, March 1990

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Jim

3/14/94

I have a nice trip to
Australia. My wife likes
the wombats

Here are my #10 Vermont
Astroscopes

I have a Bott. #7

and
Slack ET. 86A-16
will send to you when
you return

Jim

THREE POUNDS.

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The Professor of this BILL
will be paid by the Treasurer of the STATE
of VERMONT THREE POUNDS in
Spanish milled Dollars at Six Shillings
each or its equivalent



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by the fifth Day of
JUNE, A.D. 1782.
By Order of the
Assembly, WINDSOR,
February, 1782.

100

TEN DOLLARS.

Debt to Government

WESTMINSTER,

Printed by SPOOKER &

GRIFFIN. 1781.

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April 2, 1994

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Hi Eric,

My travel plans have firmed up and I will return to Huntsville on April 28th, so if you will, please, plan to ship the coins by Registered mail so that they will arrive here about that time (April 28th). I anticipate that Registered mail will arrive on normal schedule, but these days with all the delays, who knows.

Please mail them to the P.O.Box 4411 address. They will hold them for me if I am not here.

What I need, I believe, are the Betts #7 -- the Vlack 86A-16 -- and, if you could, your Connecticut 4.2-F.6 of 1785. I especially need the latter in order to make a FilmPrint image for comparison purposes.

Many thanks also for the Vermont \$10.00 note Xerox. You probably still have the Xerox of Sandy's note that I sent to you, the composite. Can you identify the piece that makes up the left (front) border? (Note the reverse markings). I have not been able to identify any other notes that use that woodcut(or engraving) and am very curious about it. I made up a set of transparencies of all the notes in that series and have been comparing the various segments one with another. I will send you a set of these when I return -- they show some interesting things, nothing really unusual except one wonders why they did them as they did. More about that later.

I am also looking forward to receiving a copy of the Broadside and your blurb to go with it. Can the Broadside be reduced in size to fit on a standard CNL 8.5" X 11" page? Either by direct (Xerox) reduction or from 4"x 5" film. Phil Mossman told me that he believed it would be of great interest to CNL Patrons.

Many thanks --

Best regards,
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James C. Spilman

1785 Conn. Large African Head
Miller 4(2) - F(4). Perhaps unique.
Vf with light hammer marks.
Hall Collection # 1714. Ex Brand
Variety painted on edge by Hall.
Sometimes called 4(2) - F(6)
An illustration of 4(2) in CNL, Jan. 1973.

Spelman
calls it
4(2) - F(6)

1786 Conn. Ctf. Betts # 7
Double stop right of head.
Colon before ET.
Backwards D in INDE
27.25 X 28.16 mm., 152.4 grains

1786 (?) Conn - Britannia Ctf.
Rev. of Betts # 8. Vlack CT- 86A.
Woodward Mar. 20, 1865 # 2605
27.45 X 28.05 mm. 138 grains
Depression at top of branch.
Crude. Unique.

Lin loaned to
Spelman for
Photograph
Drat

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September 18, 1994

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Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Hi Eric,

I am returning your three coins with this letter. Many thanks for the use of them - I shall send you some prints as soon as I can get everything together. I am still missing the Vlack 16-B6A and, so far, have been unable to locate a good print or determine the location of the specimen.

Your three specimens arrived in vinyl plastic flips, and I have returned them to you still in those flips, inside a brown paper coin envelope. I trust that your specimens are NOT stored for long periods of time in the vinyl because the plasticizer will damage the coins, especially copper, over time. I am certain that you know of this, but someone else that handles them for you may not be aware of the problem. Please be certain the coins are removed from the plastic before going back into storage.

Thanks again Eric. More later as the study progresses.

Best regards,
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J.C.S.

James C. Spilman

